

**PROCLAMATION**  
***National Voter Registration Month***  
**September 2021**

**WHEREAS**, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, while Iowa is consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two million residents currently registered to vote, there are eligible citizens who have not yet registered; and

**WHEREAS**, voter registration is maintained at the County level, and anyone moving into Story County is a new registrant, regardless of previous voter registration status; and

**WHEREAS**, Story County has a mobile population and registered voters who change residence within the County need to update their registration by completing a voter registration form in order to know their correct polling location; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa's voter registration process is readily available, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Iowa has an online voter registration system enabling citizens with Iowa driver's licenses or non-operator identification cards to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

**WHEREAS**, Story County, as the home of Iowa State University, recognizes that many younger citizens participate in elections for the first time in the County, and encourages all who are eligible to register to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Story County provides its eligible residents with a postage-paid voter registration form, available on the County's website; and

**WHEREAS**, 17-year-olds are eligible to register to vote so they can participate in Iowa's primary elections, and the next Primary Election is June 7, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant election law changes during the 2021 legislative session, the need for public information and education regarding voter registration is crucial as Iowa voters prepare to take part in the upcoming 2021 city and school elections on November 2; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Story County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as National Voter Registration Month and Tuesday, September 28, 2021, as National Voter Registration Day.

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